

RESOLUTION

Supporting and urging the Governor and the Ohio Department of Development to establish a moratorium on disconnection of electric services in response to the reduction in funding levels for the Summer Crisis Program.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development has made the decision to delay implementation and to severely reduce both the funding and the services provided by the Summer Crisis Program.

WHEREAS, the Summer Crisis Program provides critical assistance to low-income customers to pay electric bills and cope with the hot weather and minimize exposure to summer inflammatory triggers.

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health reports an increase in the number of heat related illness and heat deaths.

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health reports an increased incidence of asthma, allergic disorders and other acute chronic respiratory disorders and deaths due to an increase in air borne pollutions.

AND WHEREAS, other factors such as the costs of gasoline, food and other necessary consumer products are rapidly on the rise exacerbating ones ability to sustain the rising cost of utilities, it is expected that larger numbers will lose their electric service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby request the Governor and the Ohio Department of Development to restore the necessary funding levels for the Summer Crisis Program or establish a moratorium on disconnection of electric services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Rick Werner, Deputy County Administrator/Health & Human Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Hagan, Dimora, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board**

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